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Ladies' Aid Society.
The ladies of the Aid Society of the Diamond street M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Jennie Dool on Perry street Thursday evening.

Foreign Missionary Society.
The Foreign Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. E. J. E. Gray on Diamond street this evening at 7 o'clock. Each member is urged to be present as some very important business will be transacted.

Attended Funeral.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carpenter, Mrs. Earl Cunningham and Mr. James Carpenter went to Olovers Gap today where they attended the funeral of Mr. Lute Young which was held this afternoon at two o'clock.

Norwood.
The house being built at Norwood by Mr. E. H. Gould, of New street, is nearing completion. Miss Clara Williams, of Diamond street, has purchased a lot in the new addition. Mr. George Hartley is erecting a dwelling house. The foundation is about completed.

Moving.
Mrs. Jennie Dool has moved from Merchant street to her new property on Perry street. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bartholow moved from Diamond street to the Campbell Gaskins property on Columbia street Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Petty moved from the Gaskins property on Columbia street to the Luther Steele property on Market street yesterday.

City Hospital Notes.
Miss Nellie Cook, who has been specializing Miss Moran, returned to her home at Washington Monday.
Mr. Lawrence Munroe, who fell on the suspension bridge was dismissed Monday.
Mr. James O. Hayhurst died at 2:30 o'clock Monday of typhoid fever.

Personals.
Mr. Fletcher Morrow and Mrs. Charles Patterson and son, Boyd, of Harveys, Pa., are the guests of relatives here for several days.
Mrs. A. Taylor went to Forksburg today where she will be the guest of Mrs. Ephraim Doolittle.
Mr. Joe Bunker is suffering with a gathering on his right hand.
Misses Arlie Hatfield and Mabel Richards spent Sunday at Everson.
George Hawkins was taken to Cook's Hospital Monday evening from his home on State street.
Mrs. J. S. Stealey has returned from Grafton where she went to visit the Benah Lodge.
Robert Kinkade, of Charleston, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kinkade, of Merchant street.
Mrs. George Newman returned to her home in New York today after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.
Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson and guests, Mrs. Joe Vincent and Mrs. Shayenne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Hawkins near Hoult.

Miss Gay Fitzpatrick who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Robinson, of State street for several weeks, returned to her home at Clarksburg.
Misses Bertha Bush and Odra Stealey went to Clarksburg today.
Miss Fessie Pell returned to her home at Austin Monday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stemple, of Columbia street.
Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Fawcett are the guests of friends and relatives at Farmington.
Miss Pearl Means has returned from a several weeks' visit with friends and relatives at Pittsburgh.
Miss Marge Helmick has accepted a position with the Bell Telephone Company.
Mrs. Minerva Cannon, of Harveys, Pa., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Lon B. Barnes, of East Park avenue.

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ROOSEVELT TO ASK MORE ARMAMENT

DESPITE PEACE PLANS PRESIDENT OUTLINES ARMY AND NAVY NEEDS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—While there has been much talk of the administration's peace plans and the President has been given the Nobel peace prize, the administration programme for the next session of the Congress seems to indicate anything but an abandonment of military activity by the present government.

It has become known that the President has decided to ask the Congress to authorize two new battle ships at its next session. This will be in spite of the implied pledge of last session that there would be but one battleship asked for at each session of the Congress through the balance of the administration. The request will be defended on the grounds which will only be discussed in executive session of the Senate and of the naval committee of the two houses. There will undoubtedly be strong opposition to the course.

As a further indication of the military plans of the administration, the Congress will be urged to authorize 200 additional officers for the army. Again, it is planned to ask the Congress for an increase in the pay of all officers and men, ranging from 5 per cent. for lieutenant general to 35 per cent. for the enlisted men.

Again, the Congress will be asked to make an appropriation for the building of another dry dock on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Metcalf, the secretary of the navy, since his return, has given an inkling of the intent in this connection within the past forty-eight hours. It is now known that he went to the Pacific Coast with specific instructions to look over the situation and report to the President.

MONTANA MINES.

MONTANA MINES, Sept. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Michael and son, Crawford, went to Webster Springs Saturday for a ten days' stay.
Mr. and Mrs. Ruphus Brown, of Fairmont, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kinney Sunday.
Rev. H. K. Ash preached a farewell sermon to an attentive audience Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Freeman and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Bellaire, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Freeman spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dawson.

It has been announced that school is to begin here Monday, September 30th. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keener were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Loun Keener in the First ward yesterday.

Mr. Charles Merrill, of Rivesville, was calling at Lewis Kirk's yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ash, of Rivesville, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kinsey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Satterfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harris at Mt. Harmony.

There is a case of scarlet fever in the family of J. R. Newkirk.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Harris, of Fairmont, spent Sunday at Viola with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hoult.

Lester Pitcher, of the First ward, spent Sunday under the paternal roof at Viola. "CHAS. CHEERS."

Rats and the Plague.
London Telegraph.

It is now an accepted fact by bacteriologists and other authorities in India that future efforts to stay the ravages of the plague must first and foremost be concentrated upon the extermination of the rat. What a gigantic task—one might almost write superhuman task—this will be any one who has the slightest acquaintance with India will realize. Calcutta, Bombay, Poona and, indeed, every town and village from north to south and from east to west, swarm with rats, which multiply at an alarming rate. Much may be done, of course, in the erection of new buildings to see that these are as rat-proof as human skill and ingenuity can make them, and this is something that is being impressed most carefully upon every local building authority in the dependency at the present time.

Nature's Precaution.
Topeka State Journal.

"No one" comments the Washington Post, "ever heard of a baseball fan getting excited enough to throw a bottle at the umpire before it was empty." This is probably one of nature's precautions for the preservation of the umpire. After emptying the bottle the fan cannot throw straight enough to hurt.

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WHAT INDIAN SIGNS MEAN.

How Red Men on the Trail Communicate With One Another.

As time has passed and civilization has changed Indian conditions, I was under the impression, says a writer in the San Francisco Chronicle, that our red brothers had forgotten the use of signs in their travels, but as I was loitering about the hills in Siskiyou county a few weeks ago I came across a genuine Indian "sign" such as I had not seen for a dozen years or more. It was a simple little sign in appearance, but it was full of meaning to those who could read it. A long stick with one end stuck in the ground, the other leaning and pointing up the road. The stick was elevated at an angle of only about 10 degrees from the ground and was supported on a stone. It told some Indian that his friend had been along there and had gone ahead in the direction pointed out by the stick.

I marvelled at it, but on investigation found that the Indians of California still use signs to convey intelligence to each other. I found that among the Cocopahs, Shoshonas, Pimas and Yumas the sign is as much in use as ever.

While traveling in San Bernardino county some months ago I came across a peculiar grouping of stones, and at once saw that some Indian had left a sign, so that all other Indians might know that water was to be found in a certain direction. The stones were lying in a complete circle, and in the center was a long triangular stone, with the sharp point indicating a specific direction. The sign was plain to one versed in such things, and in order to see if the same sign was universal, for I had seen it elsewhere, I followed the direction pointed out by the long stone and found a little spring.

This arrangement of stones I had often seen in a dozen different places in the Middle West, and as a variant which was also found in California, I have seen a mound of stones, similar to a miner's monument, with a pointed stone resting on top, pointing toward water. In many parts of the country, especially in the desert parts of California and Arizona, the question of water supply for travelers is one that requires serious consideration, and I have known men to pass within a few hundred yards of water without knowing it, because they could not read Indian signs. The sign was in plain view, and was placed there because the Indians recognized the necessity of telling all who came along that they could find water. True, there was not a big board set up with "water" painted on it, but to the initiated it was equally plain. There is not a trail in all the Southwest that runs near a spring that does not have the sign openly displayed. I have even seen instances where the water was so far from the regular trail that special signs have been made to show where it is. I remember one instance among the Shoshonas where there was a large mound of stones with an extra long stick on top pointing toward the spring. After going to this direction, for some distance I came upon another similar mound, and before I got to the spring I found five distinct mounds showing the way.

Sometimes, however, these signs may not mean water at all, and then it is necessary to understand the intricacies of the Indian mind to understand just what he is driving at. I remember once when I was hunting on the Republican River, I came across a circle of built-up skulls, which attracted my attention because of their peculiar arrangement. Sixteen skulls were set in a circle, with their faces pointing down the river. In the center of the circle was a stick on which were nailed thirty-six small lines. Near the skulls were two small sticks placed upright in the ground, and at the top of each stick were two bundles of hair. A Pawnee Indian was with me, and told me that thirty-six Pawnees had camped there. They had made a raid against a band of Cheyennes, capturing sixteen boys or girls, and had taken four scalps. They were now returning home down the river. To the ordinary observer this arrangement of skulls and sticks would have given no more impression than the idea that some one had been amusing himself by playing with three buffalo skulls. To the Indian the arrangement was a complete story.

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TWO CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

NOT GOING TO BE KILLED OFF YET

TOO GOOD A DEMOCRAT FOR THAT IS MR. CLEVELAND, SO HE SAYS.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 17.—"I'm too good a Democrat to be killed off yet." Former President Grover Cleveland stepped from his carriage in front of his home in Princeton, uttered a little "Ouch!" at a toe twinge from his old antagonist, the gout, and then squared himself smilingly to give the lie to the report that he is incurably ill.

"It's true that the gout is always with me," he added, "and I have not yet fully recovered from the indigestion that attacked me last June. I have lost about 30 pounds also, because the gout won't let me exercise as I would like. But reports of my imminent demise are greatly exaggerated. As a matter of fact, I am feeling first rate. The indigestion is clearing away. I am putting on pounds again. I think that even the gout is better. That I am not incurably ill you may judge from the fact that Mrs. Cleveland the children have been in the New Hampshire mountains for a week."

The nurse who has been caring for the former President since his attack last June says she does not see much use for her there any longer.

"Mr. Cleveland is getting to be really healthy," she said, "and you can't put too much emphasis in that statement to make it true."

Neighbors say he drives out every day and gives the better part of the other daylight hours to business and his correspondence. The report that he has turned over everything of this sort to his wife is said to be absolutely untrue.

Mrs. Cleveland will return with the children, who will start in the year at the Princeton schools at once.

Reports of similar "fatal illness" have been circulated concerning Mr. Cleveland for the last four years. The most persistent were in 1904 during the Presidential campaign—and last year, when it was said that he would "never live to see another Christmas."

PEACE IN MOROCCO

AT AN EARLY DATE IS PREDICTED BY PREMIER CLEMENCEAU.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—An early return of peace in Morocco is predicted by Premier Clemenceau as a sequel to the despatch of delegates to two hostile native tribes to General Drude, commander of the French forces in the field.

News of the natives' movements for a cessation of hostilities, rests on official message from the general and is believed the conference is now in progress.

Though the French will probably treat the tribesmen with as much leniency as possible there is no doubt that provision will be made for a better policing of the country, to avoid repetitions of the recent outbreak.

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